

of the significance of coins in marking the Bicentennial, do hereby designate the week beginning April 21, 1974, as National Coin Week.

Observance of National Coin Week will give us all an opportunity to reflect upon the designs, mottos, and symbols that appear on our coins. The word "Liberty" has been inscribed on our coins since 1792 as provided by the act directing our fledgling Nation to produce its own coins. Then, as now, the inscription serves as a constant reminder of our most precious national possession, won for us all in the American Revolution.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this nineteenth day of April, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

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April 20, 1974

Earth Week, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

To love America is not to care only for her freedoms, her promise, her institutions through which our great people strive for larger greatness. It is also to love the land and to cherish that which has sustained our people both in body and spirit from our earliest days on this vast continent.

In recent times we have understood that however rich and beautiful, our land is finite and that our waters and air must be used as any other resource—with care and respect for their value. The celebration of Earth Day in 1970 was the first national acknowledgement of this understanding, and in the succeeding four years we have done much to insure that America the beautiful—the heritage of our generation—will be preserved and passed on as a legacy to generations yet unborn.

But for all that we have done, much remains to be done. We must constantly rededicate ourselves to the great task of preserving our environ-

ment. Earth Week, 1974, gives us the opportunity to devote special attention to this purpose.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, President of the United States of America, do hereby designate the week beginning April 21, 1974, as Earth Week, 1974. I call upon Federal, State, and local officials to foster the purposes of Earth Week and to arrange for its proper observance. I ask that special attention be given to personal voluntary activities and educational efforts directed toward protecting and enhancing our lifegiving environment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this twentieth day of April in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred seventy-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred ninety-eighth.

RICHARD NIXON

Proclamation 4288

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April 20, 1974

National Volunteer Week, 1974

By the President of the United States of America

A Proclamation

The spirit of voluntarism, one of the hallmarks of American life, has rarely been stronger than it is today. It has been estimated that one out of every five Americans is contributing time and talent in some kind of voluntary service. American volunteers are improving the quality of life in remote villages and in urban slums in the United States and working to improve the quality of life for others in distant corners of the world. These efforts most frequently touch the lives of the poor, the young, the aged and the sick, but in the process the lives of all men and women are made richer.

There are abundant opportunities for every concerned American to reap the rewards that come from helping others. More than 90,000 are serving in programs sponsored by ACTION, the Federal agency for volunteer service. Others are helping to organize volunteer efforts with the help of the National Center for Voluntary Action. We must continue